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<i>Situational Report</i>
COVID-19 Mandate Protests Operational Impacts
February 12, 2022 – 1030 ET

Background

On January 15, 2022, an Order of Council (OIC) was put in place to mandate vaccinations for commercial truck drivers crossing the border. As a result, commercial truck drivers around the country have organized and started protesting outside port of entries (POEs) by blocking roads and slowing traffic, along with a convoy of commercial vehicles headed towards Ottawa to protest outside Parliament.

Bottom Line**Cornwall**

- As of 0850 ET, there are approximately 26 vehicles consisting mostly of tractors, large farm equipment, and personal pick-up trucks just outside of the POE's compound. The lane is still accessible to traffic and police are on site for traffic control

Ambassador Bridge

- As of 08:17 Law Enforcement partners and first responder presence has increased and negotiations ongoing with protestors. Approx. 300 LEA personal onsite, armoured vehicles, EMS, etc
- As of 08:30 hrs negotiation team is giving protestors the opportunity to leave, many have, no hands on yet
- As of 03:00 ET, there has been a significant reduction in the number of protestors on foot at the Huron Church/College Ave. intersection. A number of the protest vehicles have also left the area. Protest vehicles located on NB Huron Church have repositioned and are only obstructing the left lane at this time.
- As of 03:00 ET, only local law enforcement have Wyandotte St. W. blocked, there are no protest vehicles visible at this location

Peace Bridge

- As of 09:07 approx 120 total vehicles including 2 transport trucks with flags and one dump truck – police ready to mobilize should they decide to head towards Peace Bridge.

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge

- As of 08:30 ET, the Blue Water Bridge reports border wait times of 35 minutes. No delays for U.S. bound traffic.

Emerson

- As of 00:23 ET on February 12, 2022, Emerson POE reports no changes in regards to the blockade.

Coutts

- As of 11 Feb, the highway north of Coutts continues to be impeded by protestors blocking the provincial highway. All traffic at Coutts POE is being redirected to nearby POEs.

Pacific Highway

- As of 05:30hrs PST on Saturday February 12th, 2022, the demonstration continues near the POE. The increased presence of protestors remains. No operational impacts at this time.
- As of 23:00 ET on Feb. 11 2022, the demonstration continues near the Pacific Highway Port of Entry with approximately 150-200 participants.

Upcoming Protests Events

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ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
• Ottawa – Parliament Hill protest continues • Cornwall - As of 0850 ET, there are about 26 vehicles just outside the POE. Police on site. • Sault Ste. Marie – no protestors but police on site • Sarnia – Hwy 402 blockade • London: Putnam ON near 401, approximately 20 MTO vehicles waiting in parking lot. Destination unknown, but there is a scheduled Slow Roll from London to Windsor scheduled for today • Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge • Coutts – North and South bound lanes blocked off, gates closed. RCMP request in to close the POE. • Emerson – Blockade remains north of the POE. Some processing for passenger vehicles. Commercial redirected. • Pacific Highway (near POE)	• Ottawa – protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown. • Lansdowne – Feb 12 - Intel reports of slow roll out of Gananoque through Town and heading to Hill Island • Montreal Airport – Feb 12, 2022 Overseas: • New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests • France – Protest activity in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium) • Netherlands Feb 12 – Protest activities related to Canadian protest (potentially related to convoy to Belgium)	CANADA <u>February 12</u> • Fredericton, NB • Montreal, QUE (Jarry Park) • Lansdowne, NOR (Thousand Island Bridge) • Thunder Bay / Pigeon River • Peace Bridge, SOR • Regway, PRA • Edmonton, PRA • Osoyoos, PAC • Paterson, PAC <u>February 13</u> • Fredericton, NB • Fort Frances, NOR • Edmonton, PRA <u>February 19</u> <u>Unknown date</u> • SOR Rail blockade • North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MB USA • Buffalo – Feb 12 • Peace Bridge, NY – Feb 12 • Port Huron / Sarnia – Feb 12 Overseas • Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 • Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests

US Protestors Identified at Port of Entry

- Reports received from CBSA POEs regarding Enhance Vigilance Exams of potential protestors:

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance	Direct Back	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
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		exams (PAX #)				
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3	0		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2			2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Prescott, NOR	1	1			1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1			U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Total	16	29	22	3	3	

Atlantic Region

- Atlantic Region advises that the protest planned for Woodstock on February 12 is not expected to proceed.
- Protest activity at sea ports by Mariners for Freedom is planned for 12 Feb across Nova Scotia including Sydney, and western areas of the province. Halifax Regional Police are monitoring a land-based slow moving convoy, which is expected to converge at Peace and Friendship Park near Halifax Port Authority lands.
- CCG Marine Security Operations Centres (MSOCs) will continue to monitor for vessel traffic anomalies and other reports and information on maritime activities.
- Media reporting: [Halifax police brace for disruptions from planned trucker protest Saturday](#)

Quebec Region

Lacolle

- As of 16:45 on February 11, the region reports there are indicators this protest may be rescheduled for Feb 19, 2022. Local Provincial Police (SQ) will set up on Feb 12, 2022 if the protest does take place as originally scheduled.

Northern Ontario Region

Sault Ste-Marie

- As of 1828 ET on February 11, SSM police directed the vehicles parked across from the POE to leave the area. Police will cars onsite throughout the night.

Cornwall

- As of 0850 ET, there are approximately 26 vehicles consisting mostly of tractors, large farm equipment, and personal pick-up trucks lined up in the northbound lane and centre median just outside of the POE's compound. The lane is still accessible to traffic and police are on site for traffic control.

Greater Toronto Area Region

- No update

Southern Ontario Region

Passage count week by week comparison (updated February 11, 2022 09:00 ET)

SOR Commercial Conveyance

# Passages (Commercial Conveyances)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial	3,554	4,864	4,365	3,385	4,389	1,728	5	0	0	0
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial	2,117	2,828	2,182	1,937	2,460	2,663	4,845	5,119	4,894	4,894
Fort Erie Commercial	1,258	1,762	1,832	1,260	1,539	1,362	2,009	2,241	2,526	2,526
Niagara Queenston Commercial	1,168	1,386	1,440	1,017	1,152	1,213	1,372	1,914	1,964	1,964
Commercial Conveyance Total	8,097	10,840	9,819	7,599	9,540	6,966	8,231	9,274	9,384	9,384
Difference						-14%	-24%	-6%	23%	-2%
						-1,131	-2,609	-545	1,785	2,418

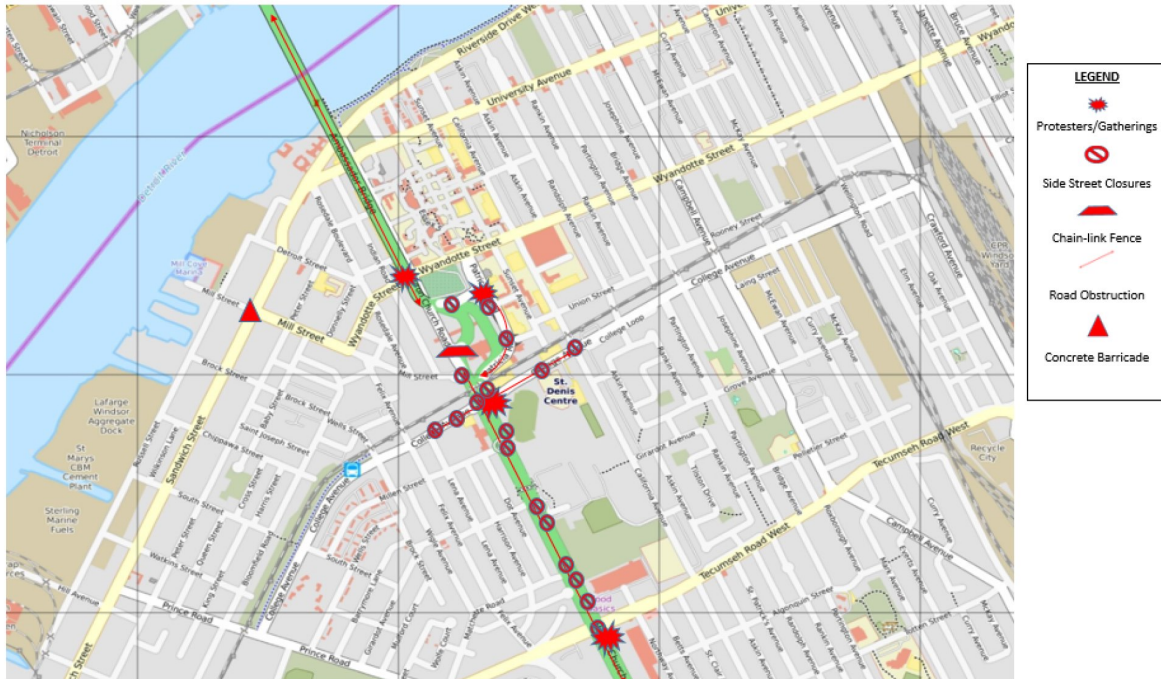
SOR Traveller Conveyances

# Passages (Non-Commercial Conveyances)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers	1,825	1,873	1,040	872	1,544	611	15	21	16	16
Windsor Tunnel	2,711	3,058	1,693	1,551	2,631	4,029	4,462	4,823	4,762	4,762
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers	566	550	279	331	716	578	394	380	485	485
Fort Erie Traveller	1,164	1,085	1,017	641	1,049	1,140	998	969	930	930
Niagara Queenston Bridge Travellers	543	416	416	284	512	491	445	452	586	586
Rainbow Bridge Traveller	339	278	265	179	302	334	301	381	465	465
Non-Commercial Conveyance Total	7,148	7,260	4,710	3,858	6,754	7,183	6,615	7,026	7,244	7,244
Difference						0%	-9%	49%	88%	7%
						35	-645	2,316	3,386	61

Ambassador Bridge

- As of 08:17 Law Enforcement partners and first responder presence has increased and negotiations ongoing with protestors.
- Approx. 300 LEA personal onsite, armoured vehicles, EMS, etc
- As of 08:30 hrs negotiation team is giving protestors the opportunity to leave, many have, no hands on yet
- Windsor Intelligence and Windsor Inland Enforcement provided ground support for ongoing blockade at Windsor Ambassador Bridge - information received from partners that foreign nationals may be participating in protest events and blockades of Ambassador Bridge. While on site, information rec'd from partners concerning potentially inadmissible person (A37 Org. Crim.) who may be arriving this evening from Europe to attend protest events in Windsor. Development efforts remain ongoing with NTC and enforcement partners.
- Protestors remain at the Ambassador bridge, Bridge traffic continues to be blocked. It is unknown at this time how many vehicles, and protestors remain on the 3 established sites.
- Counter Protest of the Convoy leader **Personal** made over night comments "Injunction held up, emergency act in force and there is still a blockade, looks like out mission of peace is still a go" Participation on their page states 128 confirmed and 413 interested in attending. For content is 128 or more people show up to protest in the morning, there total numbers will be equal to the actual size of the blockade during its morning hrs. (as most have not committed to sleeping on site)
- Social media posts indicate that Michigan has sent 20 Tow Trucks to assist in the movement of parked vehicles from Ambassador Bridge

Map of Ambassador Bridge Vicinity showing impacted areas



Blue Water Bridge:

- Currently all 7 manifests are fully manned and operational. 21 BSOs on duty which includes deployment of 4 BSOs from Windsor Operation. Issue with 4 Windsor deployments not being able to access Windows. IT engaged. Additional deployments anticipated this afternoon
- Sarnia Convoy 2022 Facebook page and Telegram show very little on intended activities for the day. There is conflicting messages regarding the direction of those in Sarnia should go to show their support. (402 Hwy Blockade or Windsor Ambassador Bridge Blockade).
- M25 Convoy Facebook page indicates that members continue to plan their attendance and will bring radios to communicate with each other. This convoy will take place in Michigan, ending in Port Huron in the vicinity of Blue Water Bridge on Feb 12 at 12:00 ET.
- The OPP is continuing to monitor the Freedom Convoy which has blockaded the 402 Westbound at Nauvoo Road. Vehicles will be able to exit the highway at Watford and re-enter at 402 Plympton-Wyoming on ramp 34.

Fort Erie Peace Bridge

- Town of Fort Erie vehicles and Niagara Regional Police can be seen at Central Ave exit off the QEW and appear to be closing it off at this time and additionally, at the intersection of Central avenue and Queen St. Staff will have to take one of the other alternatives accesses to staff parking lot.
- All 5 truck lanes open. As of 8:30 hrs, no border wait time delays
- On Feb 11, Intelligence Officer attended Peace Bridge to provide briefings to BSO and Superintendents on anticipated convoy.
- This weekend, Convoy To Save America (CTSA), a new group formed to peacefully support the official Freedom Convoy 2022, will send two convoys to the U.S. side of the border at the Peace Bridge, Buffalo, NY. One will be travelling up from Kentucky and one will be travelling through New York State. The convoys will end at Pat Sole Park in Buffalo and a rally is planned near the Peace Bridge. They will bring supplies to truckers and supporters to help them peacefully assemble in celebration of freedom.

Prairie Region

Combined Conveyance Counts (as some small POEs do not differentiate between commercial or travellers)

# Passages (Conveyances)	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Coutts Travellers	27	44	46	83	92	58	15	20	50
Coutts Commercial*	59	117	139	154	196	161	0	12	20
Emerson Travellers	88	97	63	87	98	57	91	34	19
Emerson Commercial	620	763	572	337	438	649	771	63	0
Del Bonita	157	118	0	0	61	64	255	336	287
Carway	62	63	83	97	62	31	67	87	78
Aden	6	6	9	6	1	4	8	6	6
Other Commercial POEs									
Regway	102	81	44	44	59	75	78	73	70
Rooseville	135	128	83	127	91	89	125	161	142
North Portal Travellers	47	58	37	40	43	44	38	52	48
North Portal Commercial	382	279	277	305	259	291	427	452	294
Sprague	59	78	21	28	64	71	64	117	123
Boissevain	104	117	40	35	112	123	146	193	148

Emerson:

- As of 00:27 ET on Feb. 12, 2022, Emerson POE reports no changes in regards to the blockade. RCMP continue to monitor and provide updates; nothing of significance report. Some passenger vehicle traffic continues to be processed and released via secondary roads. Commercial vehicles are returned to the US and directed to alternate POE's.

Prairie Region provided the processing hours for the following ports of entry for Feb 12 and 13, 2022:

Feb 12th and 13th

Alberta

Regular Travellers:

- Del Bonita (0900 – 1700 MT) Sat & Sun
- Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week

Commercial Traffic:

- Rooseville, BC
- North Portal, SK

Manitoba

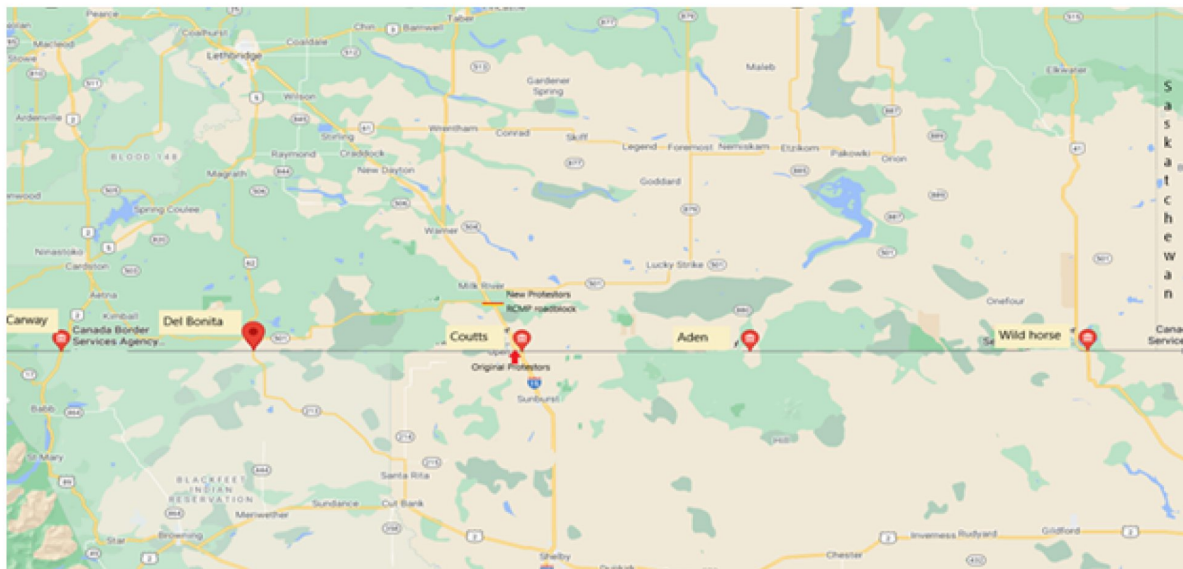
Regular Travellers:

- Tolstoi (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Gretna (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Boissevain (24/7)
- Sprague (24/7)

Commercial Traffic:

- Boissevain and Sprague

Road map locations of Carway, Coutts and Del Bonita POEs, AB:



Pacific Region

Pacific Highway/Abbotsford

- A truck convoy is being organized to start in Chilliwack on 12 Feb. The convoy is planning to pass the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) on its way to the Pacific Highway border crossing. The YVR Emergency Operation Centre will be activated on 12 Feb. In addition, the Public Safety Pacific Regional Office's Federal Coordination Centre (FCC) will also be monitoring this event.
- As of 05:30hrs PST on Saturday February 12th, 2022, the demonstration continues near the POE. The increased presence of protestors remains. No operational impacts at this time
- Protestors are located between 2nd and 4th Avenues along the sidewalk (southbound on 176 Street), and across the street at the CVSE inspection lot (northbound on 176 Street). Given the time of day, there are limited numbers of active protestors; however, the encampment could likely house upwards of 100+ protestors. 176th Street and all adjacent streets remain open. 2-3 RV's and an additional 5 personal vehicles have set up.
- As of 23:00 ET on Feb. 11 2022, the demonstration continues near the Pacific Highway Port of Entry with approximately 150-200 participants. Protesters waving Canadian flags and various posters. Music is playing and horns are being honked.
- They are gathering near their vehicles and on the shoulder with flags and signs.
- One RCMP member is on site. There was no media observed on site.

Intelligence and Enforcement

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: At this time (12FEB2022:0830), the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

ANALYSIS:

General Threats

- **No change to posture.** According to the RCMP, no formal organized plot of violence has been identified. Factors such as the circulation of misinformation, exhaustion, substance abuse, altercations amongst protestors and with law enforcement and the influence of ideologically motivated actors or charismatic speakers may impact the temperature of the crowd. The potential for violence by a lone actor or fringe group cannot be discounted.
- February 11, 2022, 10:45 hrs, Ontario Premier Doug Ford has declared a 'state of emergency in Ontario' with fines of up to \$100,000 and a year in prison for people who stop roadways. Emergency orders will be temporary but the Ontario government anticipates bringing in new permanent laws on the deliberate blockade of roadways.
- Solidarity actions across Canada have occurred in every province and at least one territory in the past week. These actions are expected to continue, with potential international implications arising from convoys at border crossings in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Ontario. Based on chatter online celebrating the perceived effectiveness of the convoys and international camaraderie between anti-public health networks in the U.S. and Canada, it is possible that sporadic disruptions at Canadian border crossings will persist for as long as national solidarity actions related to the current situation in Ottawa continue. The prolonging of existing restrictions in January 2022 has led to increasingly violent rhetoric appearing online within anti-public health order narratives.
- On 11 Feb, Transport Canada reported they are monitoring planned protests to occur today at airports in the following cities: Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.
- s.38 there is an anticipated weekend protest activity at Thousand Islands. s.38 Buffalo/Fort Erie protest activity at the Peace Bridge. At this time CBSA has not received any information to indicate that the US based planned protests will have any operational impact at the Lansdowne POE on the Canadian side of the border.

POE Threats

- An ongoing analysis of SRT reporting, OSINT, and s.37 indicates that there are no credible threats currently identified for any POE.
- On 12 February 2022 as of 7:00 ET, CBSA Intel has learned that the protest at Lacolle POE is scheduled for Saturday February 19. Sûreté du Québec has planned to set up a command centre prior to the event and a CBSA liaison officer will be present.

- On 11 February 2022 as of 9:22 ET, reporting indicates a possible protest at Lacolle, QC. s.37
s.37 SQ also does not appear to have any further information at this time and they are currently putting their response plan together in the event that the protest becomes a reality. CBSA Intel is liaising with SQ. The RCMP appears unaware at this time and are being briefed by CBSA Intel. CBSA Intel is liaising with USCBP. They are reporting having heard echoes of a possible protest/blockade at Lacolle (Autoroute 15) on 2022-02-12. s.38
s.38 CBSA monitoring of social media including Google, BabelStreet, Facebook, Twitter, Reddit, etc. has found nothing significant or concrete other than a Facebook post from “Freedom Canada” indicating a possible protest at Lacolle on February 19 at 7am. CBSA continues to monitor the situation and will provide updates as they come available.
- s.38 Multiple ‘Freedom Convoy’ protests continue to impact U.S. Ports of Entry (POEs) along the Northern Border with calls for additional protests in the coming days. The Freedom Convoy movement that originated in Canada is impacting multiple POEs and efforts appear underway to expand the protests to other POEs as well as the interior United States. In addition to the ongoing protests at the Ambassador Bridge POE; Detroit, MI; Sweetgrass, MT POE; and Pembina POE, ND, demonstrations will reportedly take place between 12-13 February on the Niagara Peace Bridge between Buffalo, NY, and Fort Erie, Canada. This protest may be similar to the one on the Ambassador Bridge in which protest activity on the Canadian side is entering the fourth day and has shut down vehicular traffic.

Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE)

- **No update.** According to the RCMP, while chatter encouraging peaceful and lawful protest continues to circulate, concerns exist that protest events associated with the convoy could be exploited by individuals who engage in or promote actions that pose a risk to public and officer safety. To date there has been one reported POE encounter with an individual expressing extremist ideology. On Feb 5th, an individual ran the port at Sault Ste. Marie after expressing support for QAnon influencer Romana Didulo: “Queen Ramona has lifted all the mandates. The Trudeau Government has fallen and the Alliance is in charge. Queen Ramona has told us to report anyone who enforcing these mandates.” In 2021 Didulo supporters in Canada had hand delivered fake “cease and desist” orders to the Carson, Cascade, Paterson, Waneta, Nelway, Rykerts, & Kingsgate POEs. In 2021 Didulo urged her armed followers to kill individuals involved in administering the COVID vaccination program and also any individuals who enforce government mandated COVID restrictions or requirements for vaccination.
- According to ITAC’s latest (08 Feb) Threat Highlight: Those seeking to undertake legitimate protest are distinct from those actors espousing violent extremism. The convergence of legitimate protest with ideological extremism both online and in cities across the country presents a possible trigger point and opportunity for potential lone actor attackers to conduct an attack.
- **As of 07:00, SOR reporting indicates information received by partners concerning a potentially inadmissible person (A37 Org. Crim.) who may be arriving this evening from Europe to attend protest events in Windsor. Development efforts remain ongoing with NTC and enforcement partners. ICAP has followed up with NTC.**

Other Threats

- **Ongoing threat.** The size, unorganized potential and general distraction of some these POE protests continue to create conditions where both criminal actors and migrants may use the events to illegally cross the border into Canada. This may also include protesters who wish to join events on the Canadian side of the border, but do not want to report to Border Service Officers.

Communications

- **No update**

Other Governmental Departments and Media

- Podcast host and Convoy Member who is known for his aggressive rhetoric and has been travelling with the Convoy since the beginning looks to have been deplatformed completely by major social media sites. (FB, INSTA) both been disabled as of 06:30
- At the request of the Ontario Provincial Police Service, Transport Canada Civil Aviation Ontario Region has issued a NOTAM restricting airspace over the protest in Windsor, ON. The airspace restriction begins 12 February 2022 at 05:00 ET and ends on 12 February, 2022 at 17:00 ET.
- On 11 Feb, the City of Ottawa announced it was pursuing an injunction in Ontario Superior Court to stop those violating the City's By-Laws. [Link](#)
- As per ITAC: Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.
- NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River and Coutts until 16 Feb
- For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).

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